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In re application of:

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE AND METHOD FOR SELECTING MULTIPLE  
WORD LINES IN A SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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